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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1078
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Family Christian Academy Mock Trial Team on winning the 2002 National High School Mock Trial Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize those outstanding academic teams that, through competition, bring great honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy academic team is the Family Christian Academy Mock Trial team, which recently completed another outstanding season, earning the 2002 National High School Mock Trial Championship; and

WHEREAS, comprised of students from various homeschool programs in Chattanooga, Family Christian Academy became the first homeschooled team to qualify for the prestigious National High School Mock Trial Championships; and

WHEREAS, the Family Christian Academy team competed in four rounds of competition prior to the championship round facing teams from Rhode Island, Alabama, Michigan, and Indiana; and

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WHEREAS, in each round of competition there were three scoring judges who rated each team on a win/loss basis on their ballots; and

WHEREAS, emerging undefeated after four rounds of competition, Family Christian Academy captured eleven of the twelve possible judges' ballots, soundly defeating their opponents and advancing to the championship round; and

WHEREAS, in the championship round, five scoring judges meticulously observed as Family Christian Academy was paired against a team representing the State of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the competition, four of the five judges scored a championship victory for the Family Christian Academy Mock Trial team; and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, this team garnered numerous awards and honors, including the Tennessee State Mock Trial Championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team are Beth Coleman, Amber Gruber, John Poston, Daniel Wilkinson, Harvy Jones, Anna Downer, Joshua Downer and Matthew Downer; and

WHEREAS, the Family Christian Academy Mock Trial Team has been inspired to greater heights by Head Coach and Attorney, Mr. Jeff Atherton; and

WHEREAS, the team and Mr. Atherton was supported by the Assistant Coach and Attorney, Mr. Matthew Hargraves; and

WHEREAS, the academic excellence attained by this phenomenal mock trial program is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of coaches and team members alike and deserves special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the Family Christian Academy Mock Trial Team

on winning the 2002 National High School Mock Trial Championship and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.